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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/888,233 entitled "ASSAY FOR TOXIN INDUCED

NEURONAL DEGENERATION AND VIABILITY IN C. ELEGANS" - Randy D. Blakely et al.

Our reference: VBLT:007US Client reference: VU0135

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and reference (C17).

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